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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S COMMENT ON
PRODUCER/CONSUMER PREPCON

REF: STATE 85379

1. BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S COMMENTS IN APRIL 14
LETTER TO SECRETARY SHOULD BE VIEWED AGAINST PAST WEEK
OF PREPCON ACTIVITIES AND ROLES PLAYED BY RESPECTIVE
PARTIES.

2. BRAZILIAN DELEGATION, WITH WHICH OUR WORKING RELATIONS
HAVE BEEN GOOD, HAS NOT PLAYED VERY ACTIVE ROLE
AND HAS TENDED TO ACQUIESCE IN SITUATION WHEREIN GROUP
OF SEVEN LEADERSHIP REFLECTS PRINCIPALLY THE VIEWS OF
ALGERIA AND VENEZUELA BOTH OF WHOM ARE COMMITTED TO
PROCESS LEADING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF "NEW INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC ORDER" RATHER THAN SERIOUS DIALOGUE ON ENERGY.
WE RESPECT THE DESIRE OF THE LDC'S TO HAVE SERIOUS DIS-
CUSSIONS ON RAW MATERIAL ISSUES, BUT WE BELIEVE IN THE
CONFERENCE WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE WE MUST FOCUS
ON ENERGY AND ENERGY-RELATED ECONOMIC ISSUES.

3. FONMIN SILVEIRA'S PERCEPTION THAT WE WERE RECENTLY
"ON THE VERGE OF SECURING A DEGREE OF AGREEMENT" IS IN
SIGNIFICANT MEASURE RESULT OF FRENCH TECHNICAL CHAIRMAN
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DE GUIRINGAUD'S DEPARTURE FROM LEGITIMATE, IMPARTIAL

ROLE AND INVOLVEMENT IN SUBSTANCE OF NEGOTIATING PROCESS.
PARTICULARLY TROUBLESOME WAS HIS CONCEALMENT OF TRUE
DIMENSIONS OF GAP WHICH PERSISTS BETWEEN VIEWPOINTS OF
TWO OPPOSING GROUPS.

4. IT IS UNDOUBTEDLY TRUE THAT BRAZIL, LIKE OTHER OIL-
CONSUMING LDC'S, IS AMONG THE LOSERS IF BENEFITS POTEN-
Tially AVAILABLE FROM PREPCON MUST BE FORFEITED BY
INTRANSIGENT INSISTANCE OF THE SEVEN UPON CONVERTING
PRODUCER/CONSUMER CONFERENCE INTO VERY BROAD RAW
MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE, WHICH WE BELIEVE
WOULD BE UNPRODUCTIVE EXERCISE.
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